



Wee Creatures

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Ants and Aphids

Some ants develop a symbiotic relationship with Aphids; the ants protect the aphids from predators and parasites, while the ants thrive on the aphids' sugary waste.

Aphids, a bane for farmers around the planet, suck sugar-rich fluids from plants thus destroying the plant.

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Small ant on a small slice of orange

Ruby Tiger Caterpillar
(*Phragmatobia fuliginosa*)



White-banded Crab Spider (*Misumenoides formosipes*)
on a
Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)

The Crab Spider (this is a female) waits patiently for its prey and, with its powerful front legs, seizes the moment. Her body, which measures about 3/8", changes colour in accordance with back-ground shades, which, because of her efforts to hide from the camera, has yet to happen. In a meadow on the outskirts of Almonte, Ontario.



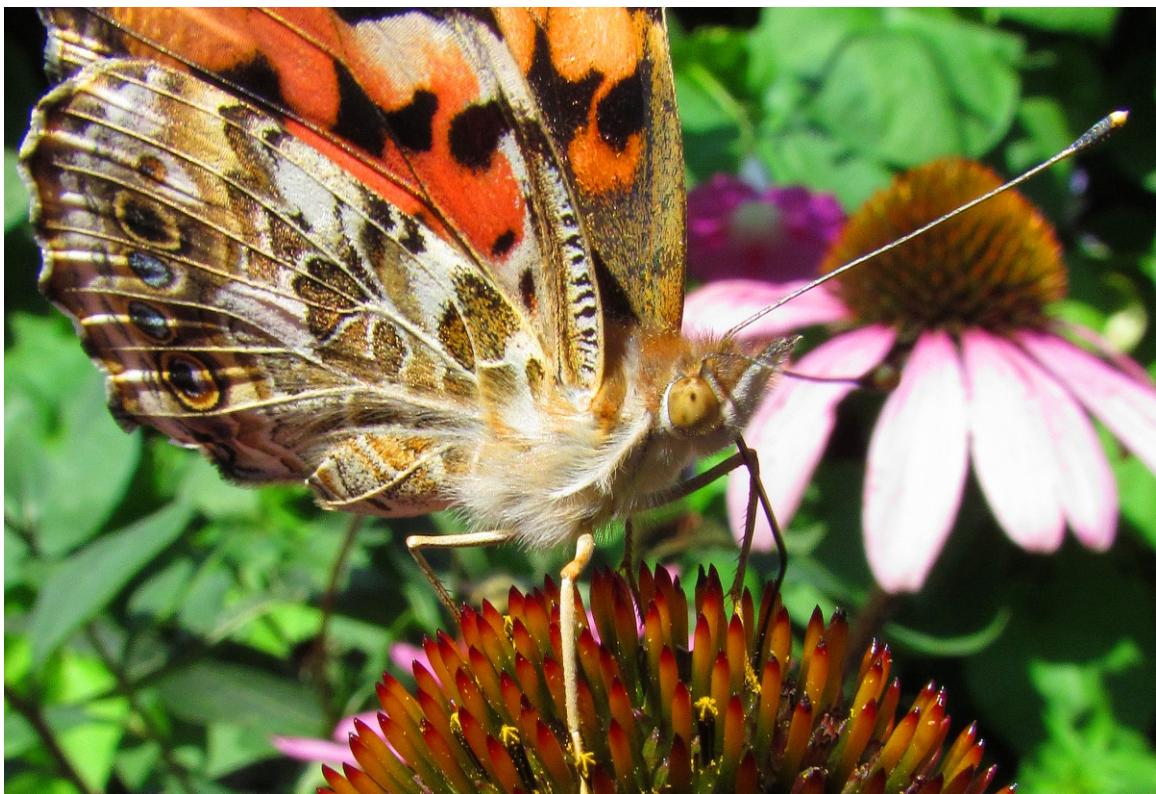
Metallic Green Bee
(*Agapostemon* sp.)



*A seriously sodden bee
waiting patiently for
the end of rain.*



Snail gorging on Garlic
Chive seed pods





**Tiger Moth Caterpillar (*Spilosoma virginica*)
on White Baneberries (*Actaea pachypoda*)**



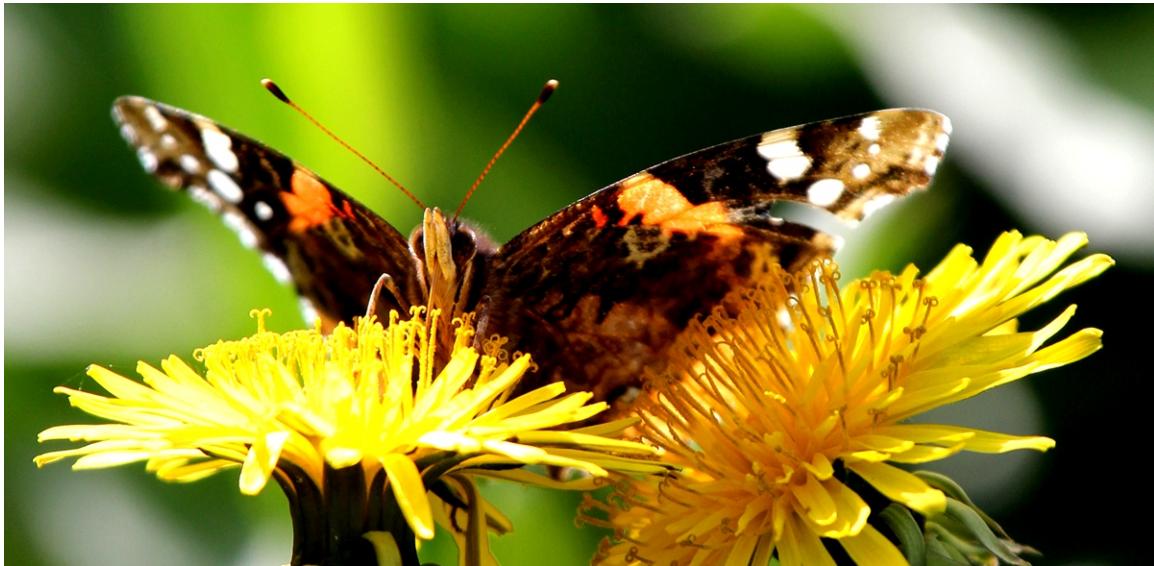
Syrphid Fly (*Melangyna viridiceps*)



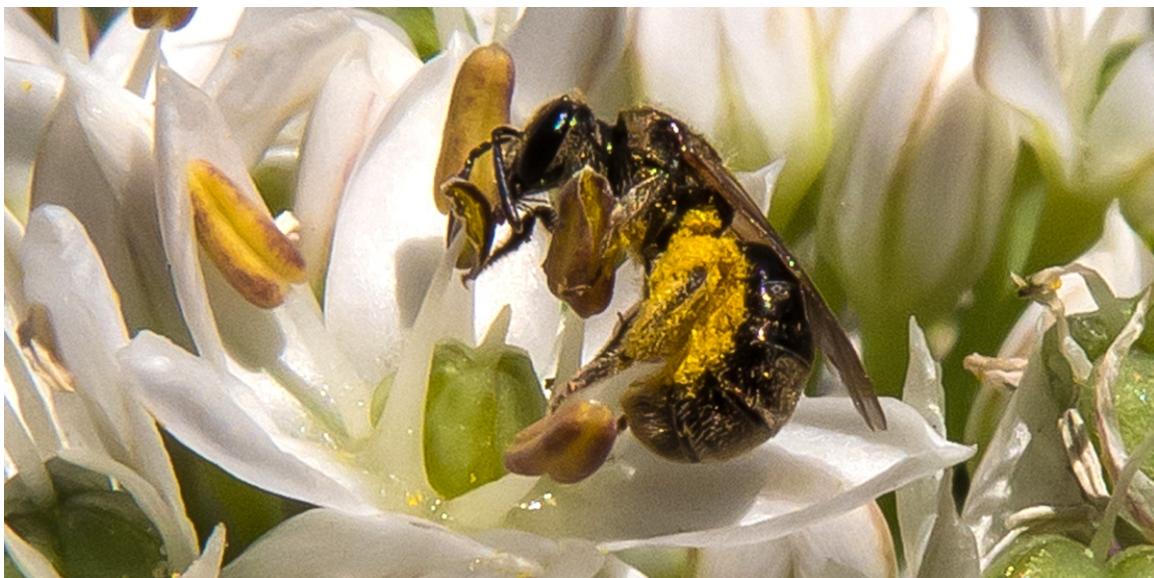
Stink Bug (*Cosmopepla bimaculata*)
Enjoying a sojourn among Queen Anne's Lace seed pods.



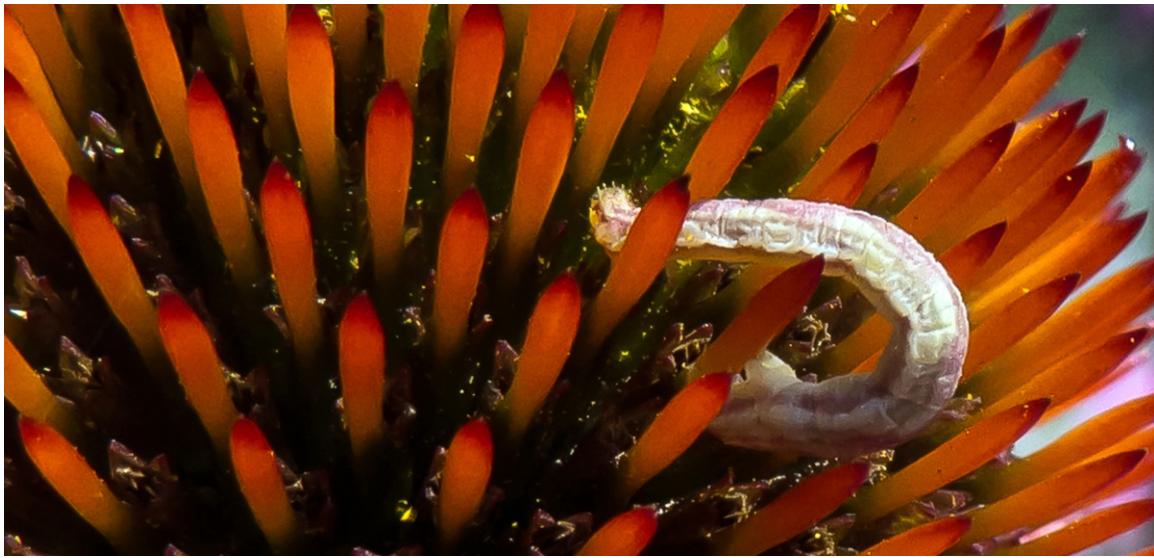
Red-Legged Grasshopper (*Melanoplus femur-rubrum*)



Red Admiral Butterfly (*Vanessa atalanta*)
on a *Taraxacum platycarpum* (aka, Dandelion)



Mining Bee (*Andrena carantonica Lindsey*) on a Garlic Chive. The pollen is stuffed into hairy receptacles on their hind legs called corbiculae. A single bee can carry about half her own body weight in pollen.
(<https://honeybeesuite.com/pollen-collection/>)



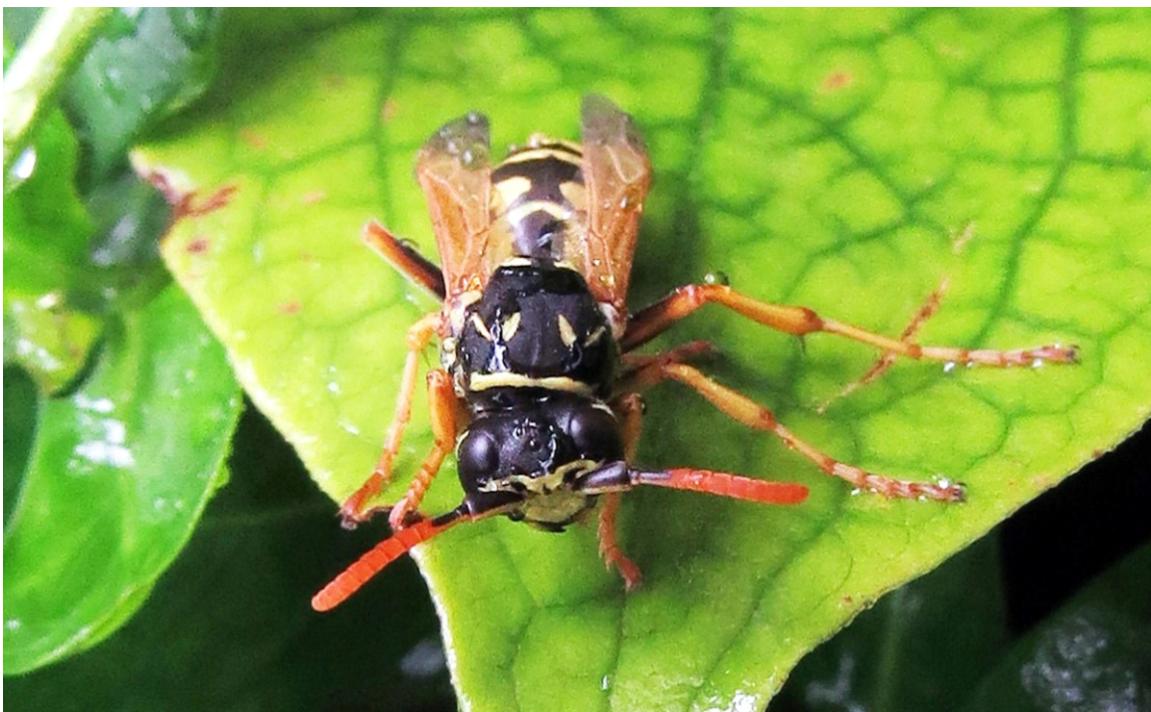
Pink Inchworm (*Eupithecia miserulata*)
weaving its way across an *Echinacea pallida*



Pale Green Katydid (*Oecanthus*)



The **European Wool Carder Bee** (*Anthidium manicatum*) is so named because it collects hair from Lamb's Ears leaves with which they line their nests.



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